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# D. Parrish Appointed To Board of Education

## School Board Considers 11 Candidates

After two hours of deliberation and testimony behind closed doors, the Board of Education unanimously elected Darwin Parrish to fill the vacancy occasioned by the recent death of Carl Steele.

Parrish, who is the owner of Parrish Stationers, 1423 Marcellina, has been a Torrance resident for the past five years. He lived in Long Beach before this and spent 15 years in San Pedro.

Among his associations he lists membership in Kiwanis

The Board of Education passed a resolution at Tuesday night's meeting in recognition of the contributions made to the district by Carl Steele, member of the Board who recently passed away. The Board voted that the Atlantic School site be named Carl Steele School.

and a position on the Board of Recreation and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. In not making the names of (Continued on Page 24)



**BOMBS AWAY!** Castwood, or, reconstituted wood, serves as a bomb-guard among its many other uses. A bomb is about to be dropped from a railroad-car-height to prove that a Castwood guard suffers no ill effect. The bomb hits the concrete floor with an 86,700 pound impact. Bombs have been dropped nine times without hurting the case. Castwood is said to be a new basic industry introduced locally by the Forestrong Company at 1355 West 190th Street. —Press Photo

## Post Office Inquiry Gets Affirmation

Evidence that conditions in the local post office are being investigated came this week in a letter from N. R. Abrams, assistant postmaster general, received by a local resident.

"The question of the operation of the Torrance post office is being given attention, and when the report is received such action will be taken as the facts may warrant," the letter read.

### Under Fire

The local post office has been under fire in recent weeks on grounds of the following complaints: poor parcel post deliveries, lateness in the distribution of mail to post office boxes, failure to clear all first class mail each day, inefficiency, mismanagement, partiality in making promotions, handling of the registry, failure to adjust routes, and use of government workers for private tasks during working hours.

### Correcting Conditions

Since conditions in the local post office were exposed by the Torrance Press some weeks ago, active attempts have been made by post office officials to overcome objections raised by the community.

The speed with which this has taken place is also evidence that action by the Federal government is being taken in regard to local conditions. It is still questionable whether the hurried attempts to improve these conditions have been taken in time to escape unfavorable findings.

Nothing further has been said in the meantime in regard to a recent rumor that Postmaster Clara Conner will no longer occupy that office at the beginning of the year.

## Big Affair Planned For New Model

There'll be spectacular doings at Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo avenue, this week-end when the new 1954 car models go on display. There'll be gifts for adults and fun for the kids when they come to view the

new 1954 Chevrolet models Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All adults visiting the showroom will receive a free litter basket for their cars.

A Christmas party will be held for kids with free merry-go-rounds for the youngsters all day Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There'll be gifts for everyone.

Chucko the Clown will be on hand Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. to amaze the youngsters with his magical tricks.

Paul Lorange announced that everybody is invited to join the fun and see the new 1954 Chevrolet.

## MEMBERS WONDER 'WHO'S ON FIRST'

Baffling events climaxing in the resignation of Barclay Mitchell this week as acting secretary-treasurer of Retail Clerks Local 905 have left members of the Union in utter confusion.

Mitchell also resigned his post with the Clerks International organization and is leaving the union labor field, it was reported.

Mitchell's resignation follows in the wake of a number of major upheavals which struck the Union in recent months, including the ouster in April of Haskell Tidwell as secretary-treasurer and the resignation of Wally Elliott, business agent and president, last week.

Mitchell's resignation from his union post was confirmed by him personally and also announced by A. B. Crossler, international vice president, of San Francisco.

Ben Scott, former San Pedro market clerk, has been named to replace Mitchell, said Crossler, who arrived in San Pedro this week.

Ella Mossoso of Tucson, Arizona, and Herschel Womack of Los Angeles, international of (Continued on Page 25)

## Big Benefit Show Set For Tonight

Curtain call is near for one of the biggest shows ever staged in Torrance, was announced this week. "Youth for Cancer's Junior Jubilee of '53" will be seen in the Torrance Civic Auditorium, Cravens and El Prado, tonight at 8 p.m.

Top professional and semi-professional talent has been billed for tonight. The show is (Continued on Page 24)

## No. American Workers Vote to End Strike

North American workers are back to work again following an 80.9 per cent vote in favor of accepting the 4 per cent wage-hike agreement signed Monday by the company and union negotiators.

The decision was reached at union mass meetings to accept the agreement settling a multi-million dollar strike which has crippled production of America's fast Sabre Jet and Super Sabre planes.

North American Aviation, Incorporated, spokesmen said the terms were the same the company offered before 33,000 members of the CIO-United Auto Workers walked out October 23 at plants in Los Angeles, Fresno, California, and Columbus, Ohio.

That means a Christmas present wage increase of 4 per cent, or 8 to 20 cents an hour. Wage scales before the strike ranged from \$1.42 to \$2.32 hourly. The union originally demanded 26 cents an hour, then dropped to 10 to 20 cents hourly.

Two other major plane companies announced wage agreements this week.

Lockheed Aircraft corpora- (Continued on Page 24)

## DUM-DEE DUM-DUM

"Oh, I just can't tell you how thrilled I am over the results," Mrs. Jansey, 2607 Sonoma, beamed. "Over 15 calls on my ad and I could have sold my things over and over again!"

"Over and over again!"

"It's just too, too . . ."

"That's a sewing machine you sold, Ma'm? Torrance Press classified section, Ma'm? the facts, Ma'm?"

"Yes, and furniture! Oh, you don't know how . . ."

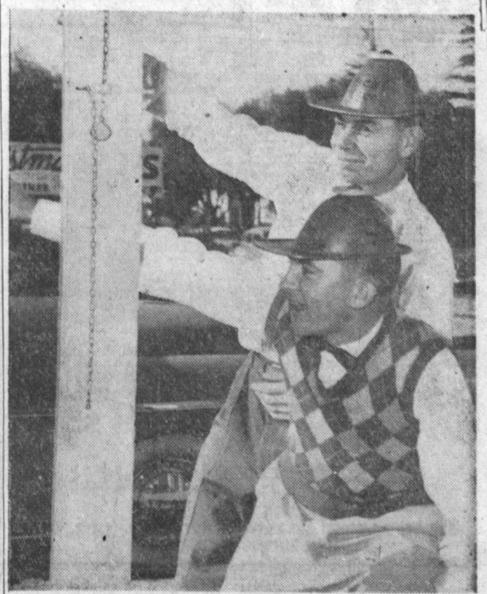
"How did your ad read, Ma'm? You know, just the facts, Ma'm!"

"Let's see—oh yes:

FOR SALE—Singer treadle sewing machine. Also miscellaneous furniture. 2607 Sonoma. FA. 8-0651

"I'm so happy with the results! And only 75¢! I just couldn't believe it." Mrs. Jansey exclaimed.

"Happy, Ma'm? I see, Ma'm. Just wanted to get the facts, Ma'm. Thank you, Ma'm."



**THE NEW LOOK:** Dick London and J. H. Paget, manager of Newberry's decided to be in style when the news broke last week that flying saucers might be real. With their space helmets propped squarely upon their heads, the two came tearing into the office of the Torrance Press pointing excitedly at a flying saucer which they pretended to have seen. Aircraft corporations, industries, city officials, high school students, and local residents were all aroused, talking, and calling about flying saucers and Saucerians last week when the Torrance Press came out with a startling article on the subject. Press Photo

## Gifts Asked For Kids In Hospital

Children at hospitals are looking forward to Christmas, too, like other children. The Torrance Press is collecting gifts for the kids in the children's ward at Harbor General Hospital, and asks local residents who wish to make the children's Christmas a merry one to bring their gifts to the Torrance Press office at 1406 Cravens (near the library). The Press will take the gifts to the kids in time for Christmas.

There are two wards. In one are the kids from a few hours to two years old. Kids in the other ward are from two to 13 years old.

Plastic rattles, soft-stuffed, cloth covered animals, and dangling toys are especially desirable for the kids up to two.

The kids in the older ward could use metal cars, trucks, planes, water color sets and brushes, books (especially "Little Golden Books"), and Holgate type puzzles with the large, wooden pieces.

Chaplain Tenner hopes that somebody would have a cowboy suit for "Little George" who is three years old and has been in the hospital two years. This is all that George wants to be happy.

## CHAMBER BANQUET PLANNED

At the regular meeting of the Annual Installation Dinner Committee, it was suggested that service club presidents be contacted requesting that meetings during the week of January 24 through 29 be omitted in order that all service club members and their wives could attend the annual installation banquet of the Chamber of Commerce to be held on Thursday evening, January 28 at the Civic Auditorium.

Something new and different has been planned in the presentation of a Western "Chuck Wagon" style dinner featuring barbecued food, all you can eat (seconds if you wish). Absolutely no speeches and the whole evening topped off by high class entertainment.

## GOLD RUSH

Somebody will walk off with \$100 in cash from downtown Saturday—but it will be all on the level.

The Gold Rush is still on and the money and prizes will be given away in the downtown area at 10:30 a.m. Just follow the music.



**PIONEER:** Ben Cluff Dairy, 22010 South Avalon boulevard, is the first to install suspended Christmas decorations over the highway. Cluff hopes that merchants in the East Torrance-Carson-Keystone district will take note and do likewise next year, thus calling attention to this growing business district. (See story p. 3). Press Photo

## Free Candy, Movies For Kids Tuesday

Torrance Civitan Club will play Santa Claus to the kids of Torrance next Tuesday when the club stages a big free movie theater party for the young.

## TUESDAY EDITION

The Torrance Press will be published Tuesday, Dec. 22 instead of the usual Thursday edition. Deadline for press releases is tomorrow (Friday) morning's mail.



**WHAT A FIGURE:** This 1954 two-toned sedan model will be one of the models to be shown the visiting public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo avenue. Gifts for adults and youngsters and merry-go-round rides will celebrate the occasion. Added

power and chassis improvements, extension of the Powerglide automatic transmission option to all cars and luxurious new interiors in striking color harmonies are a few of the principal features of the new Chevrolet.

# Only 7 More Shopping Days Until Christmas